CLASSIFICATION SHORE INTELLOFAX 21 Approved For Release 2000 68/4 : AAPOP82-0045777005600650007-2 CONFIDENTIAL CD NO. 25X1A DATE DISTR COUNTRY Germony (Rushian Mone) 24 AVG 50 NO. OF PAGES 1 SUBJECT Estimate of 1950 Potato Crop; Spread of Potato Beetles NO. OF ENCLS. PLACE **ACQUIRED** 25X1A DATE OF SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO. 25X1 INFO. ANT. OUTCHERY CANTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE MATIGE AN DECRMINATION OF THE SINIED CRATE WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE SENIES AFT SO

3. C. 34 MAY DE AS A QUEDNED, ITS TRANSMISSION OF THE GEVELATION OF THE OUTCH THE SENIES OF T THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION 25X1 The next poteto even in one PDM is appeated to yield some Al., but lion tons of potatoes. It was planted to plant 820,645.0 bektare: and \$18,680.67 were acqually planted, so that, practically speaking, the goals aimed at will be reached. The officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and Porestry as well as the police, first learned of the story concerning the dropping of potato bugs by US planes from the Information Office of the DDR, that is to say, from the daily riess. There were already agricultural que perts on hand in the areas of the greatest concentration of bugs if Pore these reports were made public, and these technicians had reported the appearance of chasual numbers of these insects. No expers in the field of plant protection (Filanzschutzfachmann) either frug the Land Offices or from the Ministry were appointed to the Commitsion which has been set to to investigate the bug drops. All in- , fromed agricultural officials know that the increased appearance bugs this year is due to natural causes. First, the areas of creek affected by the notate rugs are increasing in size from west to sixt at a rate of 50km per par; second, there was a particularly warm? early spring in 1950, hich is especially conducive to the spread and appearance of the insect; and third, the potato bug makes its oppearance in large negrous every third year, of which this year is the third in this perion. In June 1949 there were approximately 38,004 places where the bus furned up as opposed to 67,000 in September 1949, in about 6.6% it calities. In June 1950, however, the places where bugs turned to sere reported from 6,400 localities and it is expected that the wall be some 12,000 localities reported in why Fall of 1950, indicating that approximately twice as many bugs are to be expected this ear is opposed to last year. Document This document is hereby regraded to CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the letter of 16 October 1978 from the Director of Central Intelligence to the 25X1 Archivist of the United States.

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